report for assistance from World Bank for the development of social forestry in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTSY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Andhra Pradesh earlier prepared a Social Forestry Project with a total project cost of about Rs. 65 crores for obtaining external assistance. However, as the World Bank now wish to fund comprehensive forestry sector projects which will cover, apart from social forestry, other areas like conservation and production forestry, protection of wildlife, research, training, extension activities, etc., the State Government is in the process cf revising the project document. After the revised project document is received from the State Government, it will be posed for obtaining[1] assistance from the World Bank.

Rail accident of New Delhi bound Karnataka express near Bangalore

*19. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of people were killed and or injured due to a major rail accident of New Delhi bound Karnataka Express near Bangalore on 30-10-91;

(b) if so, what are the details of the casualties;

(c) whether it is a fact that the cause of the accident was due to sliding down of a rock from the surrounding hills;

(d) if so, by when the investigation in this regard is likely to be completed;

(e) what steps Government propose to take to avoid such accidents in future; and

(f) the details of the financial assistance given to the dependents of those killed in the accident?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) In this accident, 29 persons lost their lives and 22 sustained injuries.

(c) to (e) The Report of the Commission of Railway Safety, Southern Circle, Bangalore who is conducting a statutory inquiry into this accident, is awaited.

(f) Ex-gratia relief amounting to Rs. 145000/- has been paid to the next of kin of the dead and Rs. 39250]- to the injured.

Family Welfare Programme

*20. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any result oriented policy for family welfare programmes;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) to what extent the family ' welfare programme scheme has been successful, and what was the target fixed when introduced?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) to (c) According to the 1991 Census, the country's population is 844 million—a substantial rise from 342 million in 1947 and 684 million in 1981. The all India average annual growth rate during the 1981—91 decade has been of the order of 2.11 per cent—marginally lower than 2.22 per tent during the preceding decade.